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SUBJECT:FY 1978-1979 NARCOTICS CONTROL PROJECT

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1. ALTHOUGH WASHINGTON INTERAGENCY REVIEW OF EMBASSY
SUBMISSION HAS BEEN HELD, DECISIONS REGARDING TIMING OF
ADDITIONAL COMMODITY SUPPORT WERE PUT OFF PENDING OUTCOME
OF EVALUATION SCHEDULED FOR THIS SPRING.

2. AFTER WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR, WE ARE
CONFIDENT THAT MISSION CAN CONDUCT THE REQUIRED EVALUATION
WITH ITS OWN RESOURCES. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE
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LINES PROPOSED BELOW. AFTER WASHINGTON REVIEW OF THE
MISSION'S EVALUATION, WE WILL CONSIDER POSSIBLE WASHINGTON
PERSONNEL PARTICIPATION TO ASSIST WITH PROBLEM AREAS.

3. WE WOULD SUGGEST REVISION OF THE PROJECT GOAL TO
INCLUDE ITEMS (A) (B) (C) NOTED IN REFTTEL, PLUS NEW ITEMS
(D) TO CONTROL NON-REGISTERED COCA CULTIVATION, AND (E)

DISRUPT MAJOR TRAFFICKING NETWORKS AND APPREHEND MAJOR VIOLATORS.

4. PRIOR TO THE EVALUATION WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. AS OF NOVEMBER 30, THE GOB BANNED NEW COCA PLANTINGS ON NON-REGISTERED LAND. HAS THE GOB TAKEN ANY STEPS TO ENFORCE THE BAN? HAS THE DNSP SET UP A SYSTEM FOR CONTROL OF NON-REGISTERED AREAS? PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILED STATUS REPORT ON ABOVE.

B. SANTA CRUZ HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CENTER FOR MAJOR TRAFFICKERS. REFTTEL INDICATES THAT DNSP HAS ESTABLISHED ITS INTELLIGENCE AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN SANTA CRUZ. HAS ANY DISCERNIBLE PROGRESS BEEN MADE AGAINST THE MAJOR VIOLATORS? DOES DNSP HAVE AN ACTION PLAN?

5. DURING VISIT TO WASHINGTON COLONEL APARICIO MADE SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTER. PROJECT EVALUATION SHOULD REPORT NEED FOR AND FEASIBILITY OF PROJECTED AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING ABILITY OF DNSP TO PROVIDE NECESSARY OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT.

6. EVALUATION SHOULD REVIEW WITH DNSP USE TO BE MADE OF PROPOSED BOATS, INCLUDING AVAILABILITY OF MANPOWER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THEM. WILL THEY BE UNDER DNSP CONTROL OR UNDER SOME OTHER BOLIVIAN AGENCY?

7. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS FOLLOWING CRITERIA FOR MISSION'S EVALUATION:

- A. EFFECTIVENESS OF EQUIPMENT UTILIZATION;
 - B. QUALITY OF EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE;
 - C. SUITABILITY OF EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO DATE;
 - D. EXTENT TO WHICH EQUIPMENT PROVIDED HAS CONTRIBUTED TO IMPROVED ENFORCEMENT EFFORT ON PART OF GOB;
 - E. EXTENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF GOB INTELLIGENCE EFFORT;
 - F. GOB PROVISION OF PERSONNEL TO DNSP TO PERMIT APPROPRIATE EXPANSION;
 - (1) TOTAL STRENGTH DNSP.
 - (2) TYPES OF PERSONNEL BY NUMBER AND LOCATION, E.G., INVESTIGATIONS, INTELLIGENCE, RECORDS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, CONTROL, ETC.
 - G. QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS DIRECTED SUCCESSFULLY AT MAJOR TRAFFICKERS IN THE FOUR MAJOR AREAS IN LA PAZ, COCHABAMBA, SANTA CRUZ, AND ORURO.
- (FYI: ESSENTIAL THAT EVALUATION EXAMINE AND REPORT IN

DEPTH IMPROVEMENT OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AGAINST MAJOR TRAFFICKERS IN SANTA CRUZ AREA.)

H. NUMBERS AND LOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO INCLUDE DEGREE OF TRAINING AND EFFECTIVENESS.

I. VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY STATUS, IS IT OPERATIONAL AND USING TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED EFFECTIVELY TO REDUCE NECESSITY OF MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS BY PRIVATE VENDORS.

J. USG AND GOB INPUT TO IMPROVE AIRPORT CONTROL AND INSPECTION TO INCLUDE PROGRESS MADE.

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K. GOB EFFORTS TO DEVELOP IN-COUNTRY TRAINING CAPABILITY.

1) U.S. INPUT, WHERE AND HOW BEING USED.

L. GOB ESTABLISHED INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM ON EQUIPMENT, TO INCLUDE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE EQUIPMENT USES AND TO PRECLUDE LONG DOWN TIME ON EQUIPMENT BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE MAINTENANCE.

8. THE 1976 EVALUATION PROJECTED ADDITIONAL US ASSISTANCE PROVIDING PLANNED EVALUATION INDICATES SUFFICIENT PROGRESS MADE UTILIZING INITIAL EQUIPMENT INPUT. PROJECTIONS INCLUDED PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN SANTA CRUZ AND COCHABAMBA AS WELL AS FOR EXPANDED DNSP EFFORTS IN GUAYAMERIN AND PUERTO SUAREZ. THAT ASSESSMENT DID NOT PROJECT EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR SUCRE, PANDU, YACUIBA, VILLAIJON, TRIDIDAD, TARIJA, AND POTOSI UNTIL THE THIRD PHASE. IF IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THESE PROJECTIONS WOULD BE MOVED TO THE SECOND PHASE, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PRESENT EVALUATION PROVIDE ADEQUATE JUSTIFICATION.

9. IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRESENT EVALUATION, MISSION SHOULD PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH MISSION WORK PLAN RELATIVE TO DEVELOPING GOB EFFORTS. WORK PLAN PROVIDED SHOULD ALSO SHOW PROGRESS MADE TO DATE.

MISSION SHOULD ALSO EXAMINE AND REPORT ON THE REGISTRATION OF COCA PRODUCERS PROGRAM AND RELATED CONTROL ASPECTS. EVALUATION SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE GOB CUSTOMS.

FROM MISSION REPORTING WE NOTE THAT NATIONAL POLICE CREATED A FRONTIER POLICE CORPS OF APPROXIMATELY 100 PERSONNEL TO WORK WITH DNSP IN BORDER AREAS. WE WOULD
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APPRECIATE DETAILS ON THIS ASPECT OF THE GOB EFFORT.

10. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EVALUATION BE CONDUCTED AND

RESULTS TRANSMITTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO
ALLOW DECISIONS ON FUTURE SUPPORT FOR THE BOLIVIAN
PROGRAM. VANCE

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